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Richmond's Jobbing Trade. especial attention to Richmond as a job bing market. In the matter of transportation facilities, Richmond has every advantage that is enjoyed by cities on the sea coast and cities inland. We have water transportation which gives us the lowest rate, as the rallroads must meet the rate fixed by the river steamers, Richmond is peculiarly a desirable mar ket for southern merchants, as our jobhers acep on hand full stocks of goods that are adapted to the southern trade and southern merchants who come here find exactly what they want. Inexperienced merchants will find the knowledge of Richmond jobbers of southern trade conditions very helpful to them in making

Another advantage which Richmond er joys is that it is to-day one of the leading financial centers of the South. Its banking capital has grown enormously within the past fifteen years, and its banks are now among the largest and strongest in the entire South. It is not necessary to explain to outside merchants what this means to a jobbing center.

In practically all lines of goods Richmond can offer advantages equal to those offered in any of the northern markets, and in some lines of goods it offers advantages superior to those of any other market. Our jobbing houses ale strong institutions with plenty of capital and with every facility for carrying on business on an extensive scale, and they are in position to show a full line of goods and to extend every reasonable accommo dation to customers. Our jobbers are noted for their honesty, for their liberality, for their accommodation and for their close attention to business.

Southern merchants who have been trading here do not need to be informed on these points, and to those who have not been trading here. The Times-Dispatch says that if they will give Richmond a trial they will find everything as satisfactory as in any of the markets farther North, which they may have been patronizing heretofore.

Those owners of real estate in Virginia who wish to escape the mediaeval shackles wrich our present laws for recording and conveying titles put upon them, wil note with interest those members of the House of Delegates who vote to keep these shackles on them.

The Torrens Bill Should Pass.

In the House of Delegates yesterday there was some violent attacks upon the proposed Torrens land registration law. It is difficult to understand any reason able ground for the vehement assaults made by some of the speakers upon this bill, which promises such benefits to the have seen a formal arraignment of this by a leading lawyer of Southwest Virginia, and are bound to say that the gravamen of the complaint against the bill is that it may be inconvenient to some of the owners of land in Southwest Virginia to have their titles ex plored and settled. But, granting that it may be, though not necessarily, an inconvenience to some few, that is no reason why the great majority of ownland in Virginia should not be permitted to get a title, which is easily transferable and which will add greatly to the available value of their property Even the enemies of the bill have conceded that city lote and all property laid off in lots may be easily handled under the Torrens law, and we will add that the greater part of country land boundaries easily definable and titles which can be definitely established, and that the interest of the majority-indeed. very large majority-of owners of land in Virginia should be consulted rather than those few who have cloudy and uncertain titles, and are airaid that proceedings may be taken to test their validity. cuit this act a land-grabbing act is a most improper misnomer. It is also ar abuse of the privileges of debate to benefit of owners of land by a name which has been applied to those who surreptitiously selze the property of an-

Whatever is necessary to give the fulltitles to property should be incorporated in the bill, if it is not already there, this seems to have been one of the chief complaints against the bill. If there is any outrage or likely to be any outrage will be perpetuated, not by the promoters use its provisions, but by those who oppose its passage and desire to thwart, for reasons that are not clearly underward that can be taken for the benefit of the land-owners of Virginia. Men liquor on Sunday, let us have a law that who fight this law may not believe it of can be enforced and let the penalty be

the enemies of the welfare of the State, and should the benefits which would acrue from the Torrens law be ther oughly understood through the country, he opponents of the bill would be re garded with the same repugnance that ustly belongs to those who put stumimpair the value of property of those who are least able to help themselves. it will unquestionably turn back the hands upon the dial of Virginia's progross to defeat this bill, and will be : notice to the world that Virginia prefera to remain in antiquated ruts rather than take her stand upon the highway of mprovement. This, however, is not true of the State at large, but will be true of certain of her members in the Legis-

lature. The late Constitutional Convention was he ablest body of men assembled in Virginia in forty years. This convention provided for the passage of a Torrena System of Registration of Land Titles. Shall the Legislature now fall to carry out that wise provision?

A Threat to Our Civilization.

Booker Washington publishes in the Sirmingham Ago-Herald a letter, in which he calls attention to the fact thut within the last fortnight three members of his race have been burned at the stake, one of the victims being a woman. Not one of the three, he points out, was harged with any crime even remotely onnected with abuse of a white woman. In every case murder was the sole acusation, and all the burnings took place in broad daylight, two of them occurring on Sunday afternoon in sight of s Christian church.

"These burnings," says he, "are in the depost sense unjust to my race; but it is not this injustice alone which stirs my

not this injustice alone which strs my heart. These barbarous scenes, followed as they are by the publication of the shocking details, are more disgraceful and degrading to the people who inflict the punishment than those who receive it. "If the law is disregarded when a nearo is concerned, it will soon be disregarded when a white man is concerned, and, besides, the rule of the mob destroys the friendly relations which should exist between the races, and injures and interferes with the material prosperity of the communities concerned."

Some people will probably say that this the raving of an insolent negro, and that he should be told to keep his mouth thut. That is one way of disposing of the question. But it is for white men to ask themselves whether or not the statements which this negro makes are true, and whether or not the conclusions which he reaches are well founded. Truth is truth, no matter whether it be uttered by white man or negro. when we are confronted with a truth, it is foolish, and sometimes wicked, to shu our eyes to it, painful as that truth may

Booker Washington is right. We of the South are becoming wofully indifferent to these terrible epectacles; to these shows of strong flavor. We are becoming accustomed to the savagery of burning men, and even women, at the stake, and it is high time for us to have a reck oning with ourselves. Before this article of Booker Wash

ington's appeared in print, Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, was called upon to take prompt steps to prevent a negre in that State for killing a white man as the regro claims, in self-defense. The Constitution of every State in the Union guarantees to every man accused of crime a fair trial by a jury of his peers; therefore, when a man is lynched the organic law of the land is trampled mestion, nor the main question, involved. toing to the negro; it is what the white savagery. We cannot commit these savage crimes without feeling the reflex action upon ourselves, and the more we become accustomed to savage exhibit tions, the more savage will we as a people become. Our very civilization is involved, and we as a people cannot afford to be indifferent.

now understand the Torrens bill for regout who it is that has sacrificed the interests of the owners of the great majortitle.

_____ A Protest From Roanoke.

The Roanoke Evening World reproduces with its entire approval the comments of The Times-Dispatch on the request of Mayor Cutchin for an enactment which would permit a public execution of the negro, Honry Williams in that city.

his respect Mayor Cutchin does not represent the dominant sentiment in the city of Roanoke. It does not claim that there are no people in the city who desire, and who would gladly attend a public execution of this criminal, but our ontemporary defends a very large majority of the citizens of Roanoke against the implication at least that they are would lead them to witness the execution of any criminal. "A majority of the people of Roanoke," says the World in conclusion, "believe that every criminal ought to be tried by law, by a jury of his committed, and if convicted, he should be punished or executed in strict accordance with the law. A public hanging they regard as little, if any, less shocking to public morals and decency than a lynch-

We are glad to have this assurance from the Evening World, which is always genteel and conservative

The opponents to progress and improve ment in Virginia may be known by the votes cast against the Torrens bill for registering land now before the House of Delegates.

The Sunday Liquor Law.
We are at a loss to understand why
the House should have passed the bill to relieve violators of the Sunday liquor law of the jail sentence. If we are going to have a law prohibiting the sale of

so severe as to make men afraid to viopennity may be. No liquor dealer who observes the Sunday liquor law need fear that the fall penalty will ever be enforced against him; and liquor dealers who do deliberately and deflantly violate this law ought to go to jail. It is not a question whether or not it is morally wrong to sell liquor on Sunday; it is a question of violating the law, and when mult deliberately violates the law he must pay the penalty.

To abolish the jail penalty in this case would be to put a premium upon law breaking. If those who violate the Sunday law are simply to be fined for their offense, the law will operate as a sort of license to saloon keepers to keep their would doubtless find it profitable to pay the fine and keep open. If that is to be and give the saloons license to sell liquor every day in the week.

We sincercly hope the House bill will not pass the Senate.

It is well known that some lawyers opposed to the Torrens bill for registering land, because it affords a cheap and safe method of conveying lands. They think the landowner ought to be made to pay the piper. How many lawyers will vote against this bill in the House of _______

John Brown's "Nerve."

Among recently published books is the life and letters of Margaret Junkin Preston, by her stepdaughter, Mrs. Allen, By the southern people of the generation just passed, Mrs. Preston's poems were widely read and greatly admired; nor are they altogether forgotten yet. Her husband was Colonel Preston, the commandant of the cadet corps of the Virginia Military Institute, who was present at the hanging of old John Brown, and who described that event in a letter to his wife. The letter is reproduced in the book, and we quote from it as follows:

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"The wagen drove to the foot of the gallows and Brown descended with alacrity and without assistance, and ascended the steep steps to the platform. His manner was free from trepfdation, but his countenance was not without concern, and it seems to me to have a little cast of wildness. He stood upon the scaffold but a short time, giving brief adleus to those about him, when he was properly pinioned, the white cap drawn overhis face, the noose adjusted and attached orly pinioned, the white cap drawn over his face, the noose adjusted and attached to the hook above, and he was moved blindfolded a few steps forward. It was curlous to note how the instincts of nature operated to make him careful in putting out his feet, as, if afraid he would walf off the scaffold. The man who stood unblenched on the brink of eternity was afraid of failing a few feet to the ground.

the ground.
"He stood for ten or fifteen minutes blindfold, the rope around his neck, and his feet on the treacherous platterm, exhilling the transferous platform, expecting instantly the fatal act. But he stood for this comparatively long time upright as a soldier in position, and motionless. I was close to him, and watched him narrowly, to see if I could perceive any signs of shrinkage or trembling in his person. Once I thought I saw his knees tremble, but it was only the wind blowing his look trousers. His saw his knees tremble, but it was only the wind blowing his loose trousers. His firmness was subjected to till further trial by hearing Colonel Smith announce to the sheriff. We are all ready, Mr. Campbell. The sheriff did not hear, or did not comprehend, and in a louder tone the announcement was made. But the culprit still stood steady until the sheriff, descending the flight of steps, with a woll directed blow of a harp hatchet severed the rope that held up the trap-door. "In all that array there was not, I suppose, one throb of sympathy for the offender. All feit in the depths of their heart that it was right. On the other

eart that it was right. On the other hand, there was not one word of exulta-tion or insult. From the beginning to the end all was marked by the most absolute decorum and solemnity."

It will be noted that the vehicle in which Brown rode from the jall to the gullows was a "wagon," not a "carriage,"

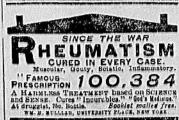
In the absurd picture (which has some repute in the North) representing Brown on his way to the execution kissing negro baby, the condemned man is put in a carriage. The fact, of course, is that he was in a wagon and sitting upon his coffin probably. The "kissing incident" is an out and out fake.

From Colonel Preston's statement it ap pears, too, that it was the sheriff who cut the rope which loosed the trap-door to have done in the presence of many spectators. That disposes of the story which has had some circulation, to the effect that the rope in question, the one that held the trap-door, was severed by a

It is unjust to the people of Virginia to defeat the Torrens bill for registering lands, because of some question about the service of personal notice. Amond the law so as to make the service of notice as perfect as possible! It would be a false pretence to defeat a good and necessary law because of an alleged defect which can easily be corrected.

The Abells were the founders of the Baltimore Sun and ever have been its owners and editors, Mr. Edwin F. Abell. whose death is just announced, was a son of its founders, and his own son, Walter, is the present active director of the paper, it is a family to which the are necessitated or suggested by the re-Monumental City owes much, and there have been mutual confidence and affec-

tion, in an uncommon degree. Our deceased friend was in control of the Sun at some critical junctures and displayed great intelligence and enterprise. Of late, however, he had resigned the chief cares of the management to his son, Walter, He was fond of a quiet life. He had high standards and a keen insight into men's character, and presence and influence were elevating.



Violets! Violets!

CARNATIONS,

ROSES, &c. Largest Stock in City.

> W. A. Hammond, 107 E. Broad St.

The death of Mr. Abell, though a great loss to the Sun, will not necessitate pny change in the plans and purposes of the paper. It was burned out of its home by the great fire, but is now busily engaged in re-establishing itself and is displaying as much enterprise as at any other period of its long, useful and successful career.

President of the New Orleans school board has subjected himself to a good deal of eriticism on account of a eulogy upon President Lincoln, which he delivered before the school children on the 22d ult. The Picayune, which has led in the complaint against him, says the objections urged are not so much that he eulogized Lincoln, as that he spoke in his official capacity to ar andlence composed almost entirely of stand the subject discussed. "All they President Lincoln," and that for a grea Orleans was under the control of soldiers by whom the people in many cases were dent Lincoln was at the head of that terrible state of affairs." The Picayune argues that for these children to be told that the man at whose hands the southern people had suffered so severely was one especially to be admired and imitated was virtually to tell these children that "their own" parents and friends were wrong and were no better than traitors

What reason or justice can there be in refusing to the rest of Virginia a safe and convenient mathod of registering and convoying land, because the glaimants of some mountain land in Southwestern Virginia and the sou ginia are doubtful of their titles?

There is a man who believes that if he had the management of the Trans-Siberlan Railway, he could land a train carrying 3,000 troops every ten, minutes over that single track railway.

Where would he get a train that could carry 3,000 men? He couldn't do it, even if he packed them in and on, as the necessi ties of the Confederate government compelled it to do. Many and many a time the Confederates had to make up trains composed of box cars, and the cars were not only filled, but men were crowded on the roof; but we guess no train with 5.000s on it was seen.

1407, 2222 ities built on the Isthmus of Panama. They will be adjuncts to Colon and Pan hygienic and sanitary conveniences. The posed that the entire island on which the supply of good water shull from Santa Qeta, cleven miles distance. Panama may be supplied with good water from the Juan Diaz Wandius River, twelve miles distant.

The proceedings under the Torrens law to register a title to land are not obligatory-they are optional. If this owner of land does not want a Torrens title, he can keep the one he has. Why refuse the many who want a Torrens title, the benefit of this law, merely because some land-owners do not want one.

----Baltimore will not ask for legislative authority to borrow \$6,000,000 to make street improvements, etc. That plan has been abandoned. It has about \$4,000,000, which was derived from the sale of its stock in the Western Maryland Company, and it will use this as a fund for making such improvements in streets, etc., as

cent great fire. The city will not purchase any property for dock purposes, and for the present will not attempt to obtain posses sion of the water front,

There is a report current in Chicago and Baltimore that Mr. John D. Rockefeller will give \$1,500,000 to the Johns Hopkins Hospital to restore the losses that it suffered in the fire of February

Now-a-days, when you see a jumbled line in the newspaper, you, do not know at first sight whether the machine opeator is making pi or trying to spell a war name.

When het July and August days come and the price of ice rules high, we don't want to hear the brazen excuse offered hat it is because the ico harvest was

The fame of the ground hos this year has been made at the cost and discomfort of the public, but it is incontestable.

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In Dixie Land

Austin (Texas) Statesman:
Uncle Sam will now become the purveyor of the Bast. He is dealing in
mules, wheat and corn at the old stand
and selling positively for each, Things
are too squally for credit.

Columbia State:

The formation of the Japanese navy dates back to her purchase, in 1805, of the ram Stonewall, which was beling built in France for the Confederate States. With such a parent can we wonder at the excellent fighting qualities of her present fleet?

Nashville American:
The United States is not anxious to mix up in Oriental wars, bit, it is going to look out for its commercial interests in that part of the world. The Russian, Japanese and all other foreign jeoples may depend upon that, war or no war.

Birmingham News:
The country life, with its attendant blessings of fresh air, exercise and freedom from worry, conduces to sounduess of intellect, if not to acuteness. What a pity it is the country is not apprachated and low deplorable it is that each year the farms are drained of the boys and girls, who throw themselves into the nerve-deatroying, mind-racking struggle for existence carried on in our great cities,

The Charlottesville Progress says that Richmond is greedy. This is a piece of news which has evidently been delayed in transmission.—Petersburg Index-Appeal. Of course Richmond is greedy. Like Charlottesville and Petersburg and every other city in the State, Richmond wants all she can get.

We believe every young man should have an aim in life, which he never loses sight of through all the years of trial and scuille.—Bristol Herald.

If not, he will never accomplish anything. Concentration is the order of the lay. It is the specialist who wins.

The school-book question is still being discussed, and occasionally some individual takes a stahd in favor of the multiple system, but the great body of the people and the press of the Suite seem carnestly in favor of having the board of education perform the task that it was created to perform. Staunton News.

The only argument that we have beard

The only argument that we have against adoption by the board of educa tion is that in some States where this has been done the board has been corrupted by the book companies. But that is it celvable in the case of the Virginia

We cannot see, as some of our contemporaries think they see, that the position of Senator Teller is very similar to that of Representative Sharroth, of Colorado, who recently gave up his seat in the House of Representatives because of the discovery that his election was tainted with fraud.—Danville Register.

The cases are not at all parallel, and it The cases are not at all parallel, and it

non-secure to try to make them so. Personal and General. Jonathan Tryon Hughes Edwards, sixtlin line of direct descendants of Jonathan Edwards, died in New York last week.

John J. Doran, of the United State-crulser Montgomery, who was wounded while cutting the cable at Cleufuegos has just died at Fall River, Mass.

It is said that Harry Payne Whitney will preserve the Whitney racing stable intact and continue racing on the plan followed by his father.

On last Saturday Richard S. White, president of the New Lork Lumber Trade Association, was presented by that organization with a handsome case of silver, containing over 301 pieces, and including a loving cup.

The Marquis de Castellane, father of Count Boni and father-in-law of Anna Gould, has finished a drama in five acts which will shortly be performed in Paris. It is a play of the Napoleonic period.

The German Empress is suffering from nilammation of the veins of the ankle. The malady is painful, but not dangerous.

A Few Foreign Facts.

One of the doutantes of the coming season at the court of St. James will be the Princess Victoria Patricia, the younger daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who will shortly celebrate her eignteenth birthday.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester ave left London and will make a tour of Spain in an auto car.

King Leopold is inordinately proud of his lands, which are finely shaped and perfectly kept. Those hands, and the royal beard, which is a triumph of na-ture and art, absorb a large share of at-tention and take up a great deal of time. There is an elm tree in the Department of Ardeche, France, which is vigorous

and flourishing, though it has attained the patriarchal ago of 793 years. Accord-ing to official focuments, it was plinted on the grave of a noblemen in the reign of King Philip II. about 22%.

A young Parls student named Georges Bolzot is alleged to have made a discovery, the adoption of which, it appears, give the Prench army an incontestable superiority over those of other nations. The precise nature of the invention is not stated, but its triple effect will be to make artilery flameless, smokeless and noiseless. The matter is now under the consideration of the French government.

In Lighter Vein.

"An interesting bit of gossip current here," says the Richmond correspondent of the Bailimore Herald, "is that Governor Montague, who has been widely spoken of as a candidate for United States senator to succeed Thomas N. Martin, will remove to New York at the end of his term and begin the practice of lew. The ultimate object of the Governor, it is believed, is to put himself in line for the Democratic presidential nomination."

"If you refuse me I shall never love another woman."
"Does that promise stand good if I accept you?"—Illustrated Hits.

Here is one on General Flizhugh Lee from the Portland Orogonian:

"I believe the time has arrived when the last vestige of sectionalism should be wiped out in this country," said Demicoratic State Chairman White last ovening. "The Span.sh. American War proved the loyalty of the South beyond any peradventure. The interests of one section of the country are now common to all, and the time is now right to put a quietus on all talk of the North against the

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South, or of the South against the North, I, believe the time is right for us to nominate a Southern man for President, and I believe we should go to the old 'Mother of Presidents' for another, and the man whom I believe we should nominate is Fitzhugh Lee, the Yankee from Virginia."

As a marble producing State Georgia may rival Vermont. The marble belt is about six miles in length, extending in a southwesterly direction from the North Carolina line, through Pickens county. The supply is practically inexhaustibe, and the depth of the deposit in many places is over one hundred feet. Both white and colored varieties are found. The characteristics of the Georgia marble are purity of chemical composition, uniform texture and peculiar crystaline structure, rendering it remarkably durable because of its slow absorption of water.—New York Tribune.

Patti's Tour.

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The New York Herald prints the following:
The Patti tour is almost over, and if the avalanche of legal missiles that were thrown on us at the tour's outset did not wipe us off the face of the earth it is not likely the present onslaught will.

Robert Grau, incorporated, has already paid to the diva \$200,000 or more, and still holds \$40,000 at Rothschild's bank as security for the last eight concerts, and it seems to me that the cancelling of Philipselling, which was done to prevent an irresponsible claimant from obtaining andvantage, should not have caused so much ado. I think I will go into the law business at the conclusion of the Pattit of late, and it seems to me a field life which such energy as I am wont to give to my efforts would prosper there more than in undertaking tours with stars at \$5,000 a night, though I can say surely that, despite all the circumstances, the Pattit tour has driwn larger receipts on balance than any tour in this country in tho last ten years.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25, 1804. Chicago, III., Feb. 26, 1904.

The Judge and the Gover

The Judge and the Governor.

Judge Woods, of Roanoke, though clothed with discretion to have the negro flend Williams tried elsowhere, shrank from incurring the fierce local criticism which such a decision would have brought upon him, and as a consequence the State was put to the heavy expense of sonding 90 soldiers to Roanoke as a safeguard against lynching. The Governor had to take the initiative after all, and he met the issue squarely. The incident should cause the Legislature to amend the law so that in cases of this kind in Governor, and not the local judge, shall have discretion to order trial elsewhere. The position of the local guitherities, even the judiciary, is too delicate in such a crisis. And yet Judge Woods, by ordering the convicted scoundred sent to Lynchburg for safe-keeping until the day set for the hanging, does something very much like what he refused to do when he compelled the pegro to he brought to Roanoke for trial.—Norfolk Landmark.

Wanted No Partner.

One of the many odd incidents that marked the life of the late George Francis Train, the noted financier, was told in the hotel corridor of the Walton Hotel the other night, says the Philadelphia

in the hotel corridor of the Walton Field, the other night, says the Philadelphia Press.

"When Train was very much in the public eye a few years ago," said the speaker, "Stove Brodie, the bridge jumper, had reached the height of his renown and was making money out of his 3a, ion. He wished to increase his 'pile,' and he conceived an idea to have someone write a play, the feature of which was to be a scene where the hero would leap from the Brooklyn bridge.

"Brodie wrote to Train, who at the time was getting more space in the news columns of the papers than any other person. He proposed that they form a partnership in the prospective nislodrama and that both of them appear in the play as stars, dividing equally the proceeds of their venture, which Brodie told Train would amount to hundreds of thousands.

"The occentric financier did not know Brodie, and the unique and characteristic reply that he sent to him was shown by the bridge jumper with an air of injured pride. Here it is:

"Mr. Brodie: No thakks, I've aiways been the whole show mysels."

"Train."

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